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To: The Acting Secretary  
Through: S/S  
From: G - Robert Murphy  
Subject: Memorandum for President on NATO Exercises

Attached is the memorandum on the forthcoming NATO exercises which you asked to have prepared for the President.

Recommendation:

That you sign the memorandum. /S/ CHRISTIAN A. HERTER  
1630 1959

Concurrences:

EUR - Mr. Merchant  
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RA - Mr. Timmons  
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Memorandum for President.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Extensive NATO Exercise in  
mid-April.

Summarized in the enclosure, for your information, are the plans for a NATO exercise, tentatively, to be conducted throughout Western Europe in mid-April. The dates (April 13-17) were selected well before the Berlin crisis began, but I think this exercise is well-timed from the political point of view, and should have a salutary effect on the Western European public and on the other side.

/s/ CHRISTIAN A. HERTER

Acting Secretary

Enclosure:

Extensive NATO Exercise in  
mid-April.

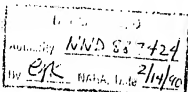
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extensive NATO Exercise in mid-April.

1. Nature of the Exercise. This is a combined joint atomic and air defense exercise. It is designed to practice SACCOM's atomic strike plan under simulated wartime conditions and to exercise the over-all air defense system of Allied Command Europe. Air and ground units, including atomic delivery and air defense forces, will participate on a "live" basis, actually flying missions and deploying. There will be considerable activity in the air and on the ground, and the public will be well advised on the exercise.

The Sixth Fleet and SAC are to provide "aggressor" aircraft.

4. Area and Duration. The exercise will take place all over Allied Command Europe for a period of 11 hours some time between April 13 and 17.

3. Mediterranean and Southern Region Air Defense Exercises.

Coincident with POP activity, Allied forces in the Mediterranean will conduct an exercise (Southern Region) ranging from Portugal to 43° N in the Black Sea.

At the same time an extensive "live" air defense exercise (SACOM FAC) will take place in the Southern Region.

4. Publicity. SACOM has been proceeding on the basis that the projected exercises should be given publicity well in advance, beginning about March 1, to insure that the nature of the exercises is understood by the public. We have advised General Hornstad's political adviser that we fully agree with the policy of having advance extensive publicity.

5. Notification to NATO Countries. Notification of the exercise was conveyed through NATO military channels some months ago to Secretary-General Spahn and all NATO defense Ministers.

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